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Dear Margaret —

The letter enclosed with this was written from time to time during the week as ~~we~~ I could find time or strength to write. Today your kind letter of the 2nd came to us. so full of tender sympathy, reminding us of our dear one who was always so tender and true. Thanks dear Brother and Sisters for your kind words. and your cheering reference to the exceeding great and precious promises of the word. How dark indeed the prospect would be without the blessed hopes of the gospel.

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Sad and lonely would our pathway be, if it were not lighted up with the benison of His presence who has promised to "be with us always unto the end". "I will guide thee with mine eye". "The Lord God is a Sun and Shield He will give grace and glory, and no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Praise to his Holy name, even our righteousness is of Him, otherwise where would we poor fallen creatures be? He hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin, and is become unto us, wisdom and sanctification and redemption

Dear Brothers and sisters all my hope now is to be as useful as I can till the Lord calls me, or comes for his own. I earnestly hope it will not be long till the opening Heavens reveals the presence of our now absent Lord. present with us now in Spirit. but then oh the rapture. for our eyes to behold the King in his beauty. to be like him because we see him as he is.

You know how ready our dear one always was with the word of exhortation to one and all. In this respect he truly "died in the harness. When on his bed and only able

to speak a limited time, and
that followed by pain and
exhaustion he still was in-
stant in season and out of season.
The following words written by him
on a scrap o paper and found in
hunting for a letter last night de-
scribes the attitude of his mind
"What a blessed service it would be to
give my thoughts to the Lord. To give my
thoughts to the Lord from my stand point
would mean, to have my mind sup-
remely occupied with Gospel themes
my heart absorbed in these, and
my whole being wrapped up and con-
tinually engrossed with the Glad
Tidings preached of old by the apostles
of Christ. How and where to preach
the word of the Lord most effectively
and how to do the utmost in my power
to promote the spiritual life of God's
children. Such supreme devotion
would become a believer, and

such service, a faithful ser-
vant. and loving follower of
our only and "blessed Sa-
viour. Jesus Christ"

Many and many a ser-
mon has he preached by
the wayside - Passing
neighbors learned to love
to stop when they were not
in a hurry to "Hear the
old man talk".

Bro Goode of the Methodist
church. conducted the sim-
ple services at the burial
He read some scriptures.
Math 28. 1 - 10. 1 Cor 15.12 to
the end. 2 Thess 4. 14 to end
Rev 21 1 - 5 and offered
a beautiful and seasonable
prayer. Daniel and Mr
Goode were great friends
having many religious

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conversations. both being earnest believers and faithful watchers for our Lord's return soon in power and great glory. The last public discourse I believe was in the Baptist church about six miles from home on the Coming and kingdom of our Saviour. and it made a deep and solemn impression I believe.

Now I must close for I have other letters to write. Tell Cousin Willie. Alex and Dan. Alex will write as soon as he can. He is overrun with work at present as they are urging him to be back in the school room in the beginning of January. Love to all from your ever affte Sister. A. Stewart.